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[HF 654](#) – Motor Vehicles, Blue Lights (LSB2272HV)  
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### **Description**

[House File 654](#) creates Iowa Code section 321.424, which outlines where authorized emergency vehicles can equip lighting equipment and authorizes the different colors and functions of those lights. A fine of \$45 is created within Iowa Code section [805.8A](#)(3) for violations of new Iowa Code section 321.424.

### **Background**

Iowa law currently provides circumstances in which blue, red, white, and amber lights may be used on vehicles. Flashing lights on or in a motor vehicle are prohibited except for the following instances:

- On an authorized emergency vehicle.
- On a vehicle when used to indicate a turn, a mechanical failure, or an emergency stop.
- On a vehicle used by a rural mail carrier when stopped or stopping near a highway to deliver mail, or if the shade of the light is between white and amber and mounted as a dome light on top of the vehicle.
- On a vehicle being operated under an excess size permit.
- A blue light under Iowa Code section [321.423](#)(3) and a white light under Iowa Code section [321.423](#)(7).
- Red, amber, and white lights used by school buses as described in Iowa Code sections [321.372](#) and [321.373](#)(7).
- An amber light on a towing or recovery vehicle; utility, municipal, or highway maintenance vehicle; construction vehicle; or certain other vehicles.
- Modulating headlamps on a motorcycle.
- On a vehicle being operated as an escort vehicle for a funeral procession under Iowa Code section [321.324A](#).

### **Assumptions**

There will be an unknown increase in fine and surcharge revenue as a result of House File 654.

### **Correctional Impact**

House File 654 creates a new citation under Iowa Code section 805.8A(3). Since the violation of this citation does not result in imprisonment, this Bill is not estimated to have a correctional impact. Refer to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Cost Estimates Used for Correctional Impact Statements](#), dated January 22, 2021, for information related to the correctional system.

### **Minority Impact**

House File 654 establishes a new citation under Iowa Code section 805.8A(3). Since this is a new citation, it is unknown how many violations there may be, and as a result, the minority impact is unknown. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority](#)

[Impact Statement](#), dated January 27, 2021, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system.

**Fiscal Impact**

Since House File 654 establishes a new citation, there may be an increase in fine and surcharge revenue, but the impact is unknown. **Table 1** shows the distribution of fine revenue for one citation of the scheduled violation established under this Bill.

**Table 1 — Fine and Surcharge Revenue Distribution**

Code Section	Scheduled Fine	15.0% Crime Services Surcharge	Fine Distribution		15.0% Crime Services Surcharge Distribution				Court Costs
			91.0% to State General Fund/EMS* Fund	9.0% to County	32.0% to Victim Comp. Fund	20.0% to Criminalistics Lab Fund	2.0% to DARE** Fund	46.0% to Juvenile Home Detention Fund	
805.8A(3)(ac)	\$45	\$6.75	\$40.95	\$4.05	\$2.16	\$1.35	\$0.14	\$3.11	\$55.00

\*Emergency Medical Services Fund (EMS) \*\* Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)

**Source**

Legislative Services Agency

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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